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1. On 7 December 1951, the Mudra Kaserne on Heinrich Heine Strasse, Riesa (N 52/E 81), quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Only two of the barracks buildings were lighted in the evening.

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2. On 7 December the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. All of the barracks buildings were lighted after sundown. Units, at company level, practiced marching in the barracks yard.

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3. Prior to late summer, the Mudra Kaserne on Heinrich Heine Strasse, including the restricted area on August Bebel Strasse, was occupied by 400 to 500 troops but no tanks were observed. Soldiers with small arms were seen leaving the installation on foot and on trucks.

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Only a little training activity, including occasional drill of troops up to company level, and movements to the target range of soldiers at platoon level, was noticed in the Mudra Kaserne prior to late summer.

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4. Officer and EM replacements mostly came from the U.S.S.R., but there were also   25X1
exchanges of personnel among the posts of Zeithain (N 52/E 81), Oschatz (N 52/E 71) and Pirna (N 51/F 38). [   ] young officers

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stayed in Germany for about two and a half years, then attended schools in Moscow or Kiev for six months, and subsequently returned to Germany. (3)

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